

land across the land-bridge which still existed from south-western Scotland.

This species has been recorded in Britain from Killarney in Ireland, Burnt Wood in Staffordshire in 1861, and in 1880 one near Exeter, Devon. It has not been heard from its main locality in Ireland for some years, and is most probably extinct as a British species.

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NEURAPHES TALPARUM LOKAY (COL.: SCYDMAENIDAE) RECAPTURED IN S. E. LONDON. – On 16th October last I sieved an example of this uncommon species (= *N. rubicundus* auct. Brit. nec Schaum, see Allen, 1969, *Ent. Rec.* 81:240) out of damp debris at the bottom of a farmyard straw-stack at Shooters Hill near here. This appears to add another type of habitat to those already recorded (rotten wood, moss and dead leaves, and moles' nests, the latter evidently the primary one), but the reason for this seeming catholicity probably lies in a loose association with the nests and runs of small mammals in general, shared no doubt by some of its allies. I had never before found it in this district; but a specimen was taken long ago by Sharp at Eltham, barely two miles distant, and apparently referred by him to '*glyptocephalus* Saulcy' (see Fowler, 1889, *Col. Brit. Isl.* 3: 75 under *N. carinatus*; Allen, *l.c. supra*). Another (and by no means common) Scydmaenid, *Euconnus fimetarius* Chaud., occurred sparingly at the same time in the straw sifting, though never seen there on any of several earlier occasions; this species, however, is tolerably well known from the London suburbs and West Kent generally, but doubtless most records from the former area are old. – A. A. ALLEN.

PARARGE AGERIA L. (SPECKLED WOOD) IN WESTER ROSS – The recent note by P. K. Kinnear regarding this butterfly in Fife (*Ent. Rec.* 98: 21) prompts me to record that several were seen on 19th August 1985 along the track leading east through the Inverlael Forest towards Ben Dearg. The species appeared well-established, but is not recorded by Heath, Pollard & Thomas (*Atlas of Butterflies in Britain and Ireland*). A. J. SHOWLER, 12 Wedgwood Drive, Hughenden Valley, High Wycombe, Bucks.